

Proposal Will Bring to Southlanders Huge, Low-Cost Natural Gas Supply

A proposal to bring into Southern California vast new supplies of natural gas to be used in generating electricity was presented to the California Public Utilities Commission this week by Southern California Edison Company and California Gas Transmission Company, a subsidiary of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company.

Some of the gas, to be piped here from Texas and northern Mexico, also would be made available to local gas companies if needed to meet demands of consumers during periods of peak use, according to the application submitted by Edison to the PUC.

Proposed gas pipeline would be about 1600 miles long—running south from the Texas Gulf Coast fields to Reynosa, Mexico, then northwesterly to the Los Angeles area, it was stated by Robert P. O'Brien, Edison vice president.

The entire project is estimated to cost \$225,000,000, and arrangements for construction and operation of the line are to be made by Tennessee Gas Transmission Company through its subsidiary, Gas Transmission Company.

Target date for first deliveries of gas over the new line is July 1, 1962.

"This pipeline proposal will benefit our customers because it provides a superior source of fuel for electric generation at a more stable price over the next 20 years," O'Brien said.

Edison vice president stated that the cost of fuel, aside from labor and taxes, his company's largest single operating expense.

Once the pipeline is built, he said, producers would find it to their advantage to sell their gas to Southern California rather than to other competing areas.

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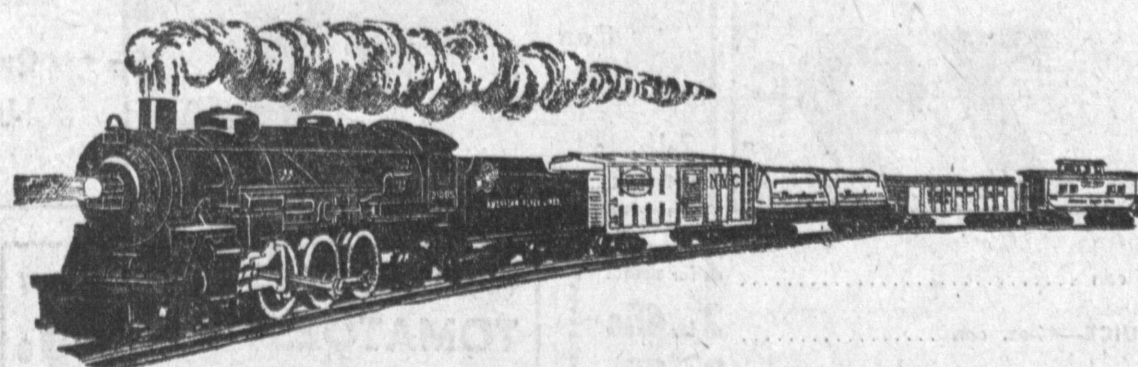
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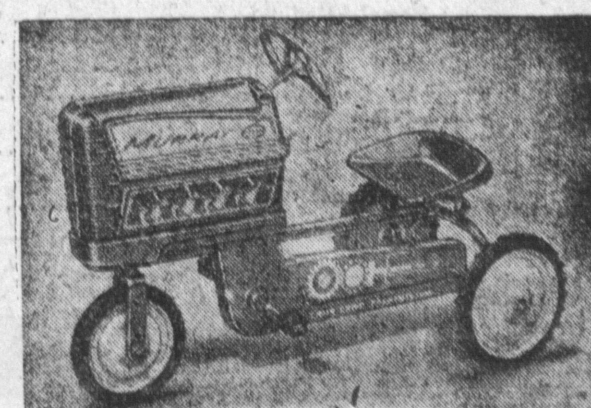
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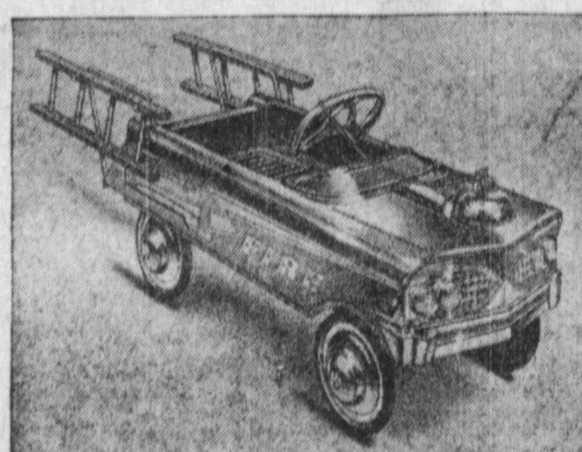


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